

The CFedS Program is nearing implementation and will begin accepting application from individuals desiring to be included in the first group of applicants entering the program. Applicants must be a registered/licensed land surveyor under state law in at least one state and have no disciplinary actions with any state registration board within the last 5 years. We are referring to this first group as the Beta Test Group. We are asking this group to commit to:

- Begin the program October 1, 2006 and sit for the examination February 2, 2007.
- Maintain an accurate record of the time required to complete each portion of the program.
- Provide constructive feedback on the registration process, training program and certification examination.
- Exercise patience. This is a new program, and we can guarantee things will not always go as smoothly as we would like.

The certification program is designed to take approximately 120 hours to complete. We anticipate it will take the Beta Test Group an additional 2-5 hours to provide the requested feedback.

- The exact cost of the program has not been fixed but it will be in the \$700-\$800 range.
- A portion of the training is made up of web-based courses with the remainder (approximately 90 %) delivered on a set of DVD's.
- Applicants will have access to instructors via e-mail.
- Resource materials will be included on the DVD set.
- The certification examination will be administered February 2, 2007
- The certification examination shall be taken in the presence of a proctor approved by the CFedS Certification Panel.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to arrange for the proctor.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to arrange compensation for the proctor, if required, and that the facility and testing environment meet any special requirements of the applicant.
- Applicants will have 6 hours to complete the examination.

The Beta Test Group will be made up of approximately 100 applicants. If we receive more than one hundred applications the selections will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Tribal surveyors will be given preference.
- 2) Recommendation from a tribal authority, Bureau of Indian Affairs official or a Bureau of Land Management Indian Lands Surveyor.
- 3) Geographic location. We want to insure that all regions of the country are adequately represented.
- 4) Experience. Some inexperienced surveyors will be selected within each geographical region.

- 5) Generally not more than one applicant will be selected from any firm, however, several may be selected for large multi-state firms.

Additional information about the application process will be posted to this website June 26, 2006 and we will begin accepting applications for the Beta Test Group June 30, 2006.